Setting up of new tourist centres

†1353. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment have decided to set up number of tourist centres in the country simultaneously; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) With a view to providing an elevating image of India's culture and promoting healthy and sustainable tourism, during the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Tourism and Culture has drawn up proposals to develop hubs which synthesize the elements of culture, tourism and clean civic life.There would be at least one such hub in every State and Union Territory.

Village Tourism

1354. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govemment had decided to develop at least one village from each State as a tourist destination with a view to promote village tourism;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) the criteria for the identification of the villages;

(d) the village identified from the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the steps being taken to develop the village as tourist destination?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has proposed a scheme to develop rural tourism in the country in the Tenth Five Year Plan. State Governments were requested to furnish one proposal for promotion of rural tourism. On receipt the preliminary proposals from the State Governments,

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